

Welcome December! It's always an exciting month for the children with decorating classroom Christmas trees, singing songs and reading a variety of books about this special season, and creating special gifts just for you! We wish your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!

THE "HOLIDAY TRAIN"

Sunday, December 8th at 5:45pm

See the lights, enjoy some cocoa and holiday music! More details about this local annual event can be found on the Village of Hartland website. Non-perishable food donations are welcome to help support two local food pantries.

"CHRISTMAS JINGLES" Wednesday, Dec. 11th

It's time for some holiday fun! Mrs. Jan Meisel (a former Wee Know teacher) will host a morning of holiday songs and interactive musical activities with each classroom! HO.HO.HO!!

Christmas Jammies & Cookies

Wednesday, Dec. 18 & Thursday, Dec. 19

You heard right! Wear your Christmas jammies to school on these days as we celebrate the season with cookie decorating in each classroom!

SEVERE WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Winter has arrived, and so has the season of unpredictable weather. We always try to remain open, however, in the event of severe weather or hazardous conditions, our school may close. Closing information will be listed on TV channels 4, 6 and 12 and their websites, <u>Classroom</u> Facebook pages, school voicemail and an email will be sent to all families.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2025

Registration will be starting in late January for currently enrolled, alumni and new families. Kettle Moraine district 4K families may choose "Wee Know" for their child's morning 4-K program (at no cost) with an option for wrap around care if needed. 4K children from other districts can also attend but must privately pay. Summer and Fall registration forms and information on Wee Know 4K options will be distributed in mid-January. Please contact our office if you need ANY assistance.



OWL NEWS

From Mrs. Denison & Ms. Kerri



November passed so quickly! We enjoyed several weeks of reading and singing about eating healthy, "The First Thanksgiving", and gingerbread. During our food theme, the children learned about eating healthy and eating a variety of foods from each food group. For our Thanksgiving theme, the children made a pumpkin pie for our pie palooza. They had a lot of fun taste testing the different pies and then graphing their favorite one! The children also had fun playing in the teepee that was set up in our dramatic play area! Finally, to wrap up our month of food, we had our gingerbread theme. We read several stories about gingerbread people and even baked gingerbread cookies. The children had so much fun looking for the teacher's gingerbread person who got away!

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Dec. 2-6

Holidays Around the World; Letter "Hh"; Number "8"; Sight Word "am"

We will start our celebration of Christmas by learning about the different Christmas and holiday traditions around the world. Mrs. Denison will share with the class German traditional holiday dress, foods, music, books, and more! If anyone has any Christmas traditions that they would like to share, please let us know and we can incorporate them into this week's activities! Feel free to come in and share them with the class yourself.

Dec. 9-20



Dec. 23-Jan. 3

Christmas; Letter "li"; Numbers "9"; Sight Word "we"

As we get ready for this festive time of year, we will be busy making cards, secret Christmas gifts, singing carols, reading Christmas stories, and making Christmas art. Our class will also work on a book for December, "What We Want for Christmas". Remember to wear your Christmas jammies on Wed., Dec. 18 & Thur., Dec. 19!

Children's Choice/New Years

On the days following Christmas, we will have some holiday fun! The children will help choose the stories and center activities for these days. We will also talk about what we did for Christmas and start celebrating the New Year!

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Now that the days are getting colder, please note we try and go outside if the temperature is 20 degrees or above (this includes wind chill above 20 degrees). Hats and mittens are recommended, as well. Mittens are easier and preferred. When the snow flies, boots and snow pants will be required to play outside. **Remember to label all clothing and both boots & mittens!!** Snowpants will be kept at school and sent home at the end of the week to be washed if they are used. Everything else will be sent home daily.

SAVE THE DATE

Owl "**Winterfest Family Night**" event will be on <u>Tuesday, January 28th from 5:30-6:30pm</u>. More details will be out in early January.

